

PG Education Committee meeting

30th October 2023

PRESENT		
Indranil Chakravorty	DME	IC
Nick Gosling	Associate Director of Education & Head of GAPS	NG
Annabel Little	Education Business Manager	AL
Sophie Vaughan	ADME, CWTD	SV
Atefa Hossain	ADME, Surgery	AH
Navneet Singh	ADME, MedCard	NS
APOLOGIES		
Robert Bramwell	Medical Education Manager	
ABSENT		
Rosy Wells	GOSW; Trust SuppoRTT and LTFT training champion	
Elwina Timehin	SAS-LED Tutor	
Sam Thayalan	ОН	

1. Welcome from Director of Medical Education:

- IC opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, confirmed apologies, and outlining the purpose of the meeting;
- Previous meetings were shared but not discussed;

2. MedCard update:

- D&E NHS WTE visit due on 23/11. Unfortunately, none of the DME/ADMEs can attend. NS will be in Glasgow but make time to join online. Agreed to bring forward planned meeting with D&E Consultant faculty and share a summary of progress with NHS WTE visiting team at least 1w in advance of the meeting. NS will join for any clarifications on the day. IC will confirm arrangements with DyPGD. There are no red flags to be aware of.
- Haematology NS is satisfied that C Cox has provided a comprehensive and satisfactory plan for the
 outstanding actions from GMC NTS and the previous HEE visit. There are areas in need of further
 improvement required;
 - NG provided an update on the digital interface hardware that has been installed to support attendance in MDTs. There are no further monies available for the installation of the multiple digital 65" interactive screens that were purchased with COVID-19 recovery funding.
- Acute Medicine (not specifically discussed) but reassuring that progress is being made against
 previous open actions. AL provided an update on the IMT Wellbeing fellow being advertised and will be
 hosted by the D&E department. LEEP Fellow is now awaiting approval on TRAC but Acute Medicine has

provided a position number and there is a low risk of rejection by VCP because this is an established post with funding;

An issue has been raised through JDF and GOSW that junior doctors in Acute Medicine wards are working in poor physical environments. This is an ongoing issue and although some extra space has been made available, as this is shared by a large multiprofessional team, and situated away from the ward (Richmond) there is a lack of positive impact on junior doctors. This has been flagged to Acute Medicine CGL for further action.

3. Surgery update:

- Foundation Year 1 training suspension in General Surgery this remains an ISF4 level alert on the GMC-NHS WTE quarterly report. The team discussed the issues around returning trainees to general surgery;
 - There is an overall benefit in providing adequate exposure and training for foundation trainees in emergency general surgery and NHS WTE have recommended that this remains in the open action- there are several challenges.
 - There are 2/5 Consultant surgeons in the GS/ES team, with little real prospect of appointing new consultants with the current financial position. There is no spare capacity for current surgeons to provide planned time in ES, therefore there is no realistic possibility for the creation of an ES pathway.
 - The reason foundation trainees were removed in 2019, was a hostile learning environment.
 The information from recent GMC NTS 2023 and feedback from LFGs do not demonstrate any significant improvement. Therefore, it is unlikely that without a comprehensive effort, there will be a risk to current core and higher surgical trainees.
 - Agreed plan to meet with CD, Div Chair and arrange a full LFG with trainees and consultants to understand challenges and develop an action plan in Nov'23.
 - Agreed plan to provide a detailed breakdown of educational tariff income to Surgery, so the department can explore accountability in job plans for educational activity.
 - o Support BA to take on the role of Simulation and human Factors lead for Surgery.

4. Theatres & Safety:

- The team discussed feedback from the Safety working group, which is examining theatre safety, strategy to reduce never events, and improving team working and civility. This work is led by the OD team and the NHSE Dignity Fellow. However, there appears to have been little tangible progress in the last 6 months.
- The imminent visit from NHS WTE to Surgery planned for 15 Jan'24 is likely to lead to further sanctions on the department.
- To include AHRQ safety culture assessments in the baseline work from OD-Dignity fellow and have monthly LFGs to assess progress. (ADME)

5. AOB:

- The deadline for submission of Self-Assessment is 17/11/23
- The deadline for submission of the financial transparency and accountability strategy data is April 2024
- Luci Etheridge will be meeting with PGME team on 12 December to discuss updates on actions related to NTS/NETS/GOSW
- MAST steering group to create governance and a short list of essential MAST modules plus quality assurance.
 - o Discuss Oliver McGowan training requirements (Daisy Tate)
 - Checking BLS/ALS documentation at induction
- Next meeting 12th December 2023